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Dance on the Premises.—Chas. Blake.
The Fisk University Jubilee Singers.
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Dentistry.

T. NICHOLSON, SURGEON DENTIST. Office and residence, West Street two doors below Bank of Montreal, Goderich 1752

The People's Column.

$25 CASH WILL PURCHASE A Good Cutter. Apply at this office.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS--NOTICE IS hereby given that all parties indebted to the undersigned by note or book account are requested to settle the same at once and thereby save an enforced collection. I mean business. ABRAHAM SMITH. 1862

HOUSE, AND LOTS NOS. 33 AND 76, corner of Victoria and East streets, in the town of Goderich, for sale cheap, or will be exchanged for farm property. For particulars apply to JAS. SMAILL, Architect, office Crabb's Block or J. C. CURRIE, auctioneer.

FOR SALE.—THAT DESIRABLE residence, corner Brittania road and McDonald street, opposite the High School, with one acre of lote. The house is in good repair with carriage house and stable and other out buildings. The garden is well stocked with fruit trees, grape vines, shrubery, &c.,
R. H. COZZENS,
For terms apply to Davison & Johnston, Barristers. 1869-tf.

NOTICE.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, the 23rd December inst. for the following Gaol supplies, for the ensuing year, to be delivered at the Gaol as required, viz: 100 cords of green wood, bread, meat, oatmeal, barley, potatoes, onions, molasses, candles, soap, coaloil, lampglasses, lamp-burners, pails, brooms, scrubbing brushes, clothes brushes, and stoveblacking. Security will be required for the completion of the contract.
PETER ADAMSON,
County Clerk.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.—ALL ACcounts due Lewis J. Treble must be paid at once, as I intend doing a strictly cash business. Eight per cent per annum will be charged on all overdue accounts. Cash customers can get good horse-doing and general blacksmithing done at favorable terms by giving me a call. Stand near the gaol. L. J. TREBLE. 1857.

BOOKBINDING.--WE HAVE MADE arrangements with Mr. D. McGregor, the well-known bookbinder of Seaforth, to take orders for work in his line. All work done from the plainest to the most superb at Toronto prices. Orders left at this office will receive his personal attention. 1853.

MISS NETTIE SEEGMILLER, Having completed her studies in music under Prof. Sippi of London, and having received a certificate, is now prepared to receive a limited number of pupils for Piano instruction. Miss Seegmiller is also prepared to take orders for Crayon Portraits. Satisfaction in every case guaranteed. Residence, corner Cambria Road and Newgate Street.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—THAT Valuable Property known as the Shepherdton Store and Post Office, with quarter of an acre of land, is offered for sale or to rent. Stock in store all new and fresh this year. The proprietor has other business which will require his sole attention. Also the west half of lot 5, con. 3, E.D. Ashfield; all new land; two good orchards, two good wells, and comfortable frame houses. The lot contains 100 acres, of which 50 are cleared and all well fenced. Remaining 50 acres heavily timbered with hardwood. For particulars address: R. T. HAYNES, Sheppardton P.O. 1862

AUCTION SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

I am instructed by the owners to sell by Public Auction on the premises, on Tuesday, 19th December, 1882. That beautiful building site, and buildings thereon, lots 925 and 926, in the town of Goderich, being the property owned and occupied by the late Henry Horton sen. Will be sold in one parcel or in lots to suit.
Sale sharp at 2 o'clock, P. M. Terms made known at time of sale. Intending purchasers can see a plan of the property by applying to
J. C. CURRIE,
1868 Auctioneer.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Alexander Morton and Moses Cressman under the name and firm of Morton & Cressman, carriage builders, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Alexander Morton to collect all accounts and to pay all liabilities of the late firm.
Alex. Morton.
Moses Cressman.
Witness, Pridham, Witness.
Dated this 6th day of Nov. 1882.

In reference to the above I have pleasure in stating that I will continue the business, and hope by attending to the wants of the trade to merit a share of patronage.
ALEX. MORTON.

Medical.

DR. W. G. S. MACDONALD, M. D., C. M., Physician, Surgeon, Accoucheur, &c. Office and residence, Main street, Auburn. 6m.-1865.

DR. McDONAGH, M.D., PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, &c., Graduate of Toronto University, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London, England, &c., &c., M. C. P. S., Ontario. Office and residence opposite Bailey's Hotel, Hamilton street, Goderich. 1735-6m

DR. McLEAN, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, Coroner &c. Office and residence Bruce Street, second door west of Victoria Street. 1751.

H. G. MACKID, M. D., PHYSICIAN, Surgeon and Accoucher, Graduate of Toronto University. Office opposite Cameron & Cameron's Bank, Lucknow. If not in office, enquire at the Bank. 1762-y.

DRS SHANNON & HAMILTON, Physicians, Surgeons, Accouchers, &c. Office at Dr. Shannon's residence, near the Hill, Goderich. G. C. SHANNON, J. C. HAMILTON. 1751

Strayed Animals.

CAME ON THE PREMISES OF subscriber, about the 20th of November five head of cattle, one year old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and trade them away. JAMES DALTON, lot 12, Lake Range, Ashfield. 1869-4t.

STRAYED FROM THE PREMISES of the subscriber, lot 6, con. 6, E. D. Colborne, about the middle of September, a steer and heifer coming two years old, the steer is white. Any person giving information leading to their recovery will be rewarded by the owner. JAMES FOWLER. 1869-4t.

STRAYED FROM THE PREMISES of subscriber, lot 10, con. 4, Goderich township, two yearlings (one heifer and a steer), the heifer being red with a white spot on face and the steer being of a light roan color). Any information leading to their recovery will be suitably rewarded by the owner, W. M. HINCKS. 1869-4t.

STRAY BULL.—STRAYED FROM the premises of the subscriber, lot 6, 1st con. Ashfield, about the beginning of November, a red bull, coming two years old, with rather heavy horns. Any information leading to his recovery will be suitably rewarded.
THOMAS GRAHAM,
1879-2t. Sheppardton, P.O.

CAME ON THE PREMISES OF Subscriber about the 5th of December. A young cow, Durham grey color, with short tail. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take it away. CHAS. BLAKE, lot 102 Huron Road.

STRAYED. — CAME ON THE premises of the subscriber, lot 7. Lake road west, about the beginning of August a two year old heifer, dark red head and shoulders, body grey with red spots, and hole in right ear. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take the animal away. JAMES HORTON,
1869-4t. Dunlop, P.O.

CATTLE ASTRAY. — CAME ON the premises of the subscriber on or about the 1st October, 1882, one steer nearly black, one spotted steer, one spotted heifer, all coming two years old. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take them away. JOHN JOYNT,
1868-4t. St. Helens.

STRAYED FROM THE PREMISES of the subscriber, about the middle of October, a large steer, marked at that time between the hip bone and rump, the hair being cut in two places. Any information leading to its recovery will be suitably rewarded.
ROBERT McLEAN, butcher, Goderich.

STRAYED.—CAME ON THE PREMISES of the subscriber, lot 21, con. 2, West Wawanosh, about the 4th of October, a two-year-old heifer. The owner is requested to prove property pay expenses and take the animal away. A. ROSIE,
1867-4t. Auburn, P. O.
Nov. 30, 1882.

Loans and Insurance.

MONEY.—PRIVATE FUNDS TO lend on easy terms in sums to suit borrowers. ALEX. McD ALLAN.
Goderich, Nov. 17th 1881. 1813-1m.

$500,000 TO LOAN. APPLY TO CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Goderich. 1759.

$75,000 TO LEND ON REAL ESTATE. Terms faverable. Apply to B. L. DOYLE, Goderich. 1751

$50,000 PRIVATE FUNDS TO LEND on good Farm or first-class Town Property at 8 per cent. Apply to R. RADCLIFFE. 1751

MONEY TO LEND IN ANY amount to suit borrowers at 6 to 6½ per cent. Private funds. Apply to SEAGER and MORTON, Goderich.

MONEY TO LEND.—A LARGE amount of Private Funds for investment at lowest rates on first-class Mortgages. Apply to GARROW & PROUDFOOT.

LOANS FREE OF CHARGE.—Money to lend at lowest rates, free of any costs or charges. SEAGER & MORTON, opposite Colborne Hotel.
Goderich, 23rd March 1881. 1779.

6 PER CENT. — THE CANADA Landed Credit Company is prepared to lend money on good Farm security, at six per cent. Full particulars given upon application to HUGH HAMILTON, C. L. agent, Goderich. 1785.

$20,000 PRIVATE FUNDS TO LEND on Farm and Town Property at lowest interest. Mortgages purchased, no Commission charged, Conveyancing Fees reasonable. N. B.—Borrowers can obtain money in one day if title is satisfactory.—DAVISON & JOHNSTON, Barristers, &c., Goderich. 1751

R. RADCLIFFE, FIRE, MARINE, Life and Accident Insurance Agent. Representing first-class Companies. Also agent for the CANADA LIVE STOCK INSURANCE CO. Money to lend on Mortgage, either in Town or Farm Property, in any way to suit the borrower. Office—(up-stairs) Kay's block Goderich.

Legal.

R. C. HAYES, SOLICITOR, &c., Office corner of the square and West street, Goderich, over Butler's bookstore. money to lend at lowest rates of interest.

LEWIS & LEWIS, BARRISTERS, Attorneys, Solicitors in Chancery &c. Office in the Court House, Goderich.
IRA LEWIS, M.A., B.C.L. E. N. LEWIS. 1820.

GARROW & PROUDFOOT, BARRISTERS, Attorneys, Solicitors, etc Goderich. J. T. Garrow, W. Proudfoot. 175

B. L. DOYLE, BARRISTER AND Attorney, Solicitor in Chancery, &c., Goderich, Ont. 1751.

SEAGER & MORTON, BARRISTERS, &c., &c., Goderich and Wingham. C. Seager Jr., Goderich. J. A. Morton, Wingham. 1751

CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Barristers, Solicitors in Chancery, &c. Goderich and Wingham. M. C. Cameron, Q. C.; P. Holt, M. G. Cameron, Goderich. W. E. Macara, Wingham. 1751.

INSURANCE CARD.

BRITISH ASS. CO'Y, TORONTO—Established 1833
PHŒNIX INS. CO'Y, of LONDON (England) Established 1782.
HARTFORD INS. CO'Y, of HARTFORD, Conn—Established 1810.
Risks taken in the above first-class Offices, at the lowest rates by HORACE HORTON.
The undersigned is also Appraiser for the CANADA PER. LOAN AND SAVINGS CO'Y TORONTO.
Money to Loan on first-class security, from 7 to 8 per Cent.—Charges moderate.
HORACE HORTON
Goderich Sept. 10, 1880.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prent it."

TOWN TOPICS.

For fancy tables and music stands go to G. C. Robertson's variety store, East St.

I now have my next store formerly occupied by Mr. Campbell, filled with a variety of stoves which I shall sell cheap for cash. Just received a car load of oil.—G. N. DAVIS.

Christmas is coming, and the right place to go for the best brands of choice liquors is to the store kept by W. L. Horton, at the corner of the Albion block and South street. Good value given and satisfaction guaranteed.

The Christmas entertainment in connection with the M. E. Church will be given on Friday evening Dec. 22nd. A Christmas Boat will be the prominent feature of the evening. Readings recitations and dialogues will be rendered. Admission fifteen cents.

The Best Kind of a Christmas Card.—Get a cabinet photograph taken of yourself and send it to your friend. To procure the best in that line, go to E. L. Johnston's gallery. Geo. B. Robson, Manager.

For a large portion of the week the principal topic of conversation was "the blizzard." For the whole time from now until New Year's I want the people of this section to understand that R. Sallows' is the place to get your photographs taken to send to distant friends. Remember corner of Montreal st. and the Square.

G. C. Robertson shows a large assortment of Christmas cards, and very fine lines in photo frames, velvet frames, concertinas, accordions, dolls of all kinds, vases and toilet sets, toy pictures books, etc Now is the time to get picture framing done, as bargains will be given. Just in receipt of a lot of lounges, which will be sold cheap. G C. Robertson.

GOOD NEWS.—Saunders & Son at the Variety Store sends the good news to all, that they are now selling all goods at greatly reduced prices. They wish to sell off their immense stock at once, and in order to induce customers to buy, are offering all lines low. The "Biggest" stock of Christmas and New Years Presents in Town. The cheapest house under the sun. See advt in this issue.

Mr. William McLean is around again.

You can't do a live business without advertising.

The municipal nominations will take place on Friday next.

Councillor Edwards, who has been on the sick list, is recovering.

Miss Mollie Skinner, of Kincardine, late of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Ida Wilkinson.

The sessions meet to-day, (Friday) to arrange the limits of Division Courts in this County.

Captains W. McKay and James Parsons are home, to weather the storms around our square.

Rev. Father Gahan, of Wawanosh, has officiated at St. Peter's during the illness of Father Walters.

Mr. James McVicar, bricklayer, is home from Manitoba. He reports good times and good wages.

The entrance examination to the High School will be held in the Central School on Wednesday and Thursday next.

Mr. George Swanson has returned from a trip to relatives in Essex county and other points. He had a good time of it when away.

"A Trip Through Belgium" is the title of a lecture to be delivered by Rev. J. Wakefield on Tuesday evening next, at the social in Knox church.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed in the Gaelic church next Sabbath. Revs. Alex. Sutherland and A. F. McQueen, from the Presbytery of Maitlandville, will conduct the services.

Mr. J. C. Harrison and family have arrived for the winter season. Mr. Harrison is bracing up the rink, and making it firm and safe. The lovers of skating are likely to have a good holiday season.

The Angelus, an illustrated paper for Catholic children, has reached us. It is handsomely got up, and is published by an old Goderich boy, Wm. E. Savage, of the *Western Home Journal*, Detroit.

The International salt works will do a big business next year if sufficient cordwood, stave bolts, &c., can be bought. Bills are out calling for 15,000 cords of firewood to be laid down at the works during the winter.

A meeting of the Reformers of Goderich will be held in the Association Rooms on the evening of Wednesday next, to select candidates to attend the Provincial Reform Convention at Toronto on Jan. 3 and 4.

We learn that the machinery of the Josephine Kidd will be placed in a barge to be used in running from the International salt works during the coming summer. The barge is to be built at St. Catharines.

The North-west is a little too frigid for some of our citizens. The Messrs. McBrien, who spent the summer in Manitoba, and Mr. March Green and family, who have been living in Dakota, have returned to spend the winter in town.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Miss Lottie Munro, Huron Road, whose sudden attack of illness we noted in a late issue. She was a young lady of very pleasing manners, and much respected by all who knew her.

It looks as if the social and lecture to be held in Knox church on Tuesday evening next in aid of the Sunday School funds, will be largely attended. The subject of the lecture by the Rev. John Wakefield is an interesting one. A large number of tickets have already been sold.

Mr. George Campbell joined his family in town on the 9th inst. He has resided in Scotland for several years, and previous to his departure for the home of his birth, was a very successful teacher at Porter's Hill. His many friends in that section will greet his return with pleasure.

Miss Ruth Cox, youngest daughter of Mr. George Cox, of this office, is down with a fever, and but small hopes are held out of her recovery.

Capt. Alex. Fraser returned to his Goderich home on Saturday, and will spend a few weeks in town. He now occupies a position on an American railway.

The Christmas fat cattle show, under the auspices of the West Huron Agricultural Society, will be held in the Market House, Goderich, on Wednesday, 20th December.

Don't fail to attend the extensive sale of excellent furniture, &c., at the residence of Judge Squier on Wednesday and Thursday December 20 and 21, commencing at 10 a. m. each day.

Mr. Thomas Saunders, son of Mr. James Saunders, is home on a visit from Manitoba. Mr. Saunders is now in business for himself as a tinsmith in Emerson, and talks highly of the Gateway City.

The *Globe* in its report of a public meeting of Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society, thus alludes to the performance of a student from Goderich: "The reader of the evening was Mr. A. B. Meldrum, whose selection was 'The Burial March of Dundee,' which was followed by much applause."

Mr. James Kirkup, formerly assistant operator at Stratford and Goderich, is now in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Grand Rapids, Mich., as night press operator, a very important position and one which none but skilled operators are capable of holding. Jim is very popular with his fellow operators, and we are pleased to hear of his success.

GODERICH.—At the regular meeting of L. O. L. No. 153, on Monday evening last, the election of officers took place, which resulted as follows: W. M., Bro. R. Gordon; D. M., Bro. G. Smith; Chaplain, Bro. A. M. Todd; Secretary, Bro. J. B. Edward; Treasurer, Bro. Jas. Craigie; D of C., Bro. H. Ross; 1st Committeeman, Bro. R. Tichborne; 2nd, Bro. A. Gale; 3rd, Bro. G. Graham; 4th, Bro. W. Kirkbride.

EXPLANATION.—Owing to the pressure on our columns, caused by the lengthy report of the County Council, we are compelled to leave over some interesting correspondence and other original matter, Port Albert correspondence, an account of a presentation to Rev. Mr. Pritchard of Auburn, the County Court record, and other matters will therefore be filed away until next week.

MOWERS AND REAPERS.—We are glad to be able to announce that in response to requests from prominent agriculturists of the county, Seegmiller & Co. have decided to enter upon the manufacture of reapers and mowers, in addition to their plow and stove business. This firm can be relied on to turn out a good machine, and the advantage of having the manufactory near at hand is one that every prudent farmer will prize. A number of machines will be shown at the spring fairs and no agriculturist should not buy until they see them. Seegmiller & Co. are also making land rollers.

H. S. L. S.—At a meeting of the G. H. S. Literary Society held on Friday night last, it was moved by Mr. Hogarth, seconded by Mr. Smale, that Messrs. Elliott, F. McDonald, Donald, Duncan and Cluttou be declared honorary members of the society.—Carried. The following officers were also elected for the ensuing term: President, Mr. Blair; 1st Vice-President, Miss Halse; 2nd, Miss Start; Secretary, Mr. Farrow; Secretary of Committee, Miss M. Cameron; Treasurer, Mr. Wilson; Editress, Miss A. Currie; Librarian, J. Swanson; Councillors, Misses Dickson, Tighe and K. Macara.

THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS.—This world renowned company of jubilee singers will give a musical entertainment in the North st. Methodist church on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 28th. The Fisk Jubilee Singers are now in their twelfth season, and of late have added materially to the talent of the company. During the first eight years of their existence they established Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn., at a cost of more than $150,000, and during the past two years churches, young men's christian associations and other kindred institutions have realized $30,000 from the receipts of the company. Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, the great English preacher, speaking of the Fisk Jubilee Singers said: "I am not sufficiently acquainted with music to be able to find fault with the songs I have heard this afternoon, and what is more, I hope I never shall be; but I am sufficiently acquainted with music to be able to say, that I never so enjoyed music in the way of performance.

An old English lady contributes this recipe for a Christmas cake:—She says, "It is wise to try making it once before that day, so as to be sure of success then." To five pounds of sifted flour allow one tablespoonful of salt, one pound and a half of butter, half a pint of fresh baker's yeast, or five teaspoonfuls of baking powder, you must allow it time to rise before putting in the fruit, etc.; wash and mix in the dough three pounds of currants, one pound and a half of sugar, a whole nutmeg grated, one quarter of a pound of candied lemon peel, chopped very fine, one wine-glassful of brandy, and four eggs beaten till they are very light; line the cake tins with buttered paper; bake in a moderate oven for a long time, from an hour and three-quarters to two hours; the brandy used in this recipe is not intended as flavoring, but to keep the cake from drying.

Model School Examinations.

The candidates attending the Model schools in Goderich and Clinton secured the following marks and passed their professional examination:

GODERICH.—Annie Burrow, 413; Ann Campbell, 444; Jennie Disher, 450; Elizabeth Glen, 422; Emily Johnston, 426; Lottie A. Polly, 389; Mary G. Robertson, 448; Phœbe Reinhart, 459; Mamie Walker, 394; Tillie Walter, 401; Joseph E. Coombs, 396; James Delgaty, 420; Robert Evans, 441; Thomas Henderson, 416; Wm. G. Hastie, 437; Robert Knechtel, 395; Wm. McIntosh, 476; Peter McDonald, 456; Alexander McEwan, 431; James M. Robertson, 379; George Rutherford, 435; John J. Smale, 444; John A. Taylor, 432.

CLINTON.—Annie Collie, 376; Mary Crawford, 377; Eleanor Calbick, 403; Jennie E. Duncan, 403; Ella Girlen, 426; Jemima C. Helyer, 402; Mary J. Hislop, 393; Jennie McLennan, 436; Kate McEwan, 381; Alfred M. Birchill, 379; Walter H. Baker, 402; Robert J. Floody, 404; Alex. E. Galbraith, 437; Wm. G. Ganley, 407; Charles Grant, 393; DeCorney Hutchinson, 397; Thos. Lockhart, 368; Wellington McTaggart, 429; Thomas Nicholson, 382; Albert H. Plummer, 406; Robert Reid, 359; Ernest J. Renlands, 470; Thomas F. Simpson, 423; Francis Sutherland, 441; Alexander Tumoth, 399.

Apples.

The smallness of the season's crop in sections where the largest results have hitherto been obtained has made the demand for the best samples very active with prices ranging high. It is well known that the finest quality of fruit going to the British markets comes from our own fair Province, and even here experts can detect a difference in flavor between apples grown in the southern sections of the Province and the more northerly point. When we want the highest excellence in quality we find it along the middle belt of the Province, and along Lakes Erie and Huron. Some varieties are found to succeed admirably in one section, while in others they prove a failure. Our snow-apple that for many years held our local market as *par excellence* the favorite of its season, is fast losing its favor. This year it is almost impossible to find clean specimens in any western section, while in Quebec the Fameuse or Snow and its many fine seedlings are simply magnificent. Doubtless our climate has ameliorated greatly within the past twenty years, and possibly this may account for the failure, as we know apples from an extreme climate are often found to be a failure when tried in a moderate climate.

Although the apple crop was at first said to be only about a quarter the usual yield in the Huron section, the shipments have been considerable and the specimens very fine. The shipments of winter apples from Goderich alone foot up about 11,000 barrels, and at almost all the stations along the railway lines north and south shipments were made. Buyers for the British markets have been careful in making selections. They prefer the following varieties: Baldwin, Spy, Russett (the American Golden and Roxbuey) Wagner, King of Tompkins, Mann. R. I. Greening is losing in popularity, and from present indications bids fair to be entirely discarded from the list of varieties suitable for export. Canada Red is also enquired for by almost all buyers, and many also like the Winter Strawberry. I believe within five years the list suitable for export at profitable prices will be reduced considerably, and it is important that growers should look carefully into the matter, and plant only such kinds as are sure to be of profit. From experience with the British market for several seasons I would confine a new orchard to Baldwin, Russet (American Golden and Roxbury only), Spy, Wagner, Canada Red and Mann. The King stands high at present, but I can see no good reason why the demand should stand permanently, as it is not possessed of sufficient excellence to stand the test for flavor when kept long. The old Twenty-ounce ships well and is not objected to yet, but it is only useful for cooking and the flavor is so decidedly woody that I imagine its market in Britain will not be permanent. It will pay our farmers to study the tastes of the markets in this matter; indeed every farmer should pay more attention to fruit-growing than has been their wont heretofore. We find this season that where an orchard has had proper pruning, and care in manuring, winter mulching and salting, the fruit is clean, free from worms, and decidedly better for shipping. Salt seems to give better color to the apple and toughen the skin. It is a pity to see many buying apples for foreign shipping who know absolutely nothing either of the various kinds and quality or the proper method of handling. They appear to think there is no secret in the business further than to barrel them, put some name on the barrel and ship. This season many have been the losers for want of proper knowledge upon these points. If we wish to hold our good reputation for the finest apples in the world we must be careful in every point. First of all see that all are carefully hand-picked and laid on the ground to sweat; they should be left on the ground for ten days or two weeks, then sorted over, culling out all wormy or spotted fruit and dividing according to size and color. This work should be performed by packers who have had experience. When packing they should be laid first row with hand, stems down, and then the barrel filled, shaking at every basketful, until it is brim-full. If it is a good hard apple one row above the edge of the barrel will press down fit for carriage solid to Britain, but if the apple is medium two rows may be placed and pressed down. The label of kind and brand of excellence should be put upon the bottom of the barrel, which thenceforth becomes the head. The largest shippers here (Messrs. Allan & McNair) follow strict rules in packing, and hence they can now ship their brand of XXX and XXXX apples at the highest prices without inspection. An old firm of fruit dealers who supply a large yearly line of orders in Liverpool and Glasgow, say that the finest apples they have ever handled was a 3,000 lot from the above firm this season. Generally buyers allow farmers to fill the barrels and thus make the cost of packing about four or five cents per barrel. But where we find a buyer who understands his business, he will never allow any one to cull the apples or fill or pack the barrels excepting his own men specially instructed for the purpose. In this way the cost of packing is about twenty cents per barrel. The difference is large, but from actual results I can assure you it pays better to pack carefully at twenty cents per barrel than to exercise less care and leave the filling to the farmers. And on the other hand, farmers are standing in their own way and working against their own interests when they fill in spotted or wormy and deformed fruit. It should be and is in the interest of every grower to see that nothing but good, clean, sound fruit goes to market. And when growers take enough interest in fruit growing to expend upon their orchards as much care and attention as they do upon their grain and root lands, they will have a much smaller proportion of cull fruit and find that fruit growing pays handsome profits.

Instead of expecting an orchard to yield an abundant crop of good apples every year without working the soil and manuring and trimming the trees, every grower should fork over the soil about his trees and give a heavy manure mulch every fall, turn it under in the spring and apply another for summer, and by this and other judicious attentions he will find that the most profitable piece of property upon the farm is the apple orchard.

I believe the results of the present season will have the effect of spurring growers up to a proper appreciation of the requirements and value of the orchard, and instead of the old, old story of neglect, our orchards will henceforth bear evidence of thrift, health and bountiful crops of best quality.—[Farmers' Advocate.

Bervie.

One of the most pleasing features of the opening tea of the Bervie C. M. Church was a presentation, made by the Ladies' Aid of the congregation to Mrs. R. Davey. For some time the ladies had been working an autograph quilt, which enterprise, owing in a great measure to the energetic efforts of Mrs. Davey proved very successful, $105 being realized in names alone. As a token of esteem, and in recognition of her services, they presented her with the quilt accompanied by the following address, which Mr. Clinton, on behalf of the ladies, read:

To Mrs. R. Davey,—The ladies of the congregation have from time to time noticed the very deep interest which you have evinced in their undertakings; and more especially are they mindful of your untiring zeal in endeavoring to secure the success of the present one. They frankly acknowledge that you have been the leading spirit therein, and they desire upon this occason, in a tangible way, to give expression to their thanks. Therefore, in their behalf, I present you this quilt, which you will please accept, not as a full recompense for your valuable services, but as a small token of their high esteem, as a simple manifesto of their gratitude. Their earnest prayer to the Most High is, that your valuable life may be long spared, and that the flowers of happiness and joy may be thickly strewn along your pathway. They would remind you of the great fact that your indefatigable efforts will one day be amply rewarded by Him, who alone is competent to place a just estimate upon all our labors.

A FREE GIFT.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, have in press an Almanac and Hand Book of Useful Information, containing a vast amount of matter which it is handy to have available, and which all classes of people want sometime during the year. The book contains descriptions of the Western States and Territories, a list of U. S. Land Offices, where lands are available at low rates, how obtained, etc., etc., as well as interest tables, business law, rates of postage and political facts and figures. In fact it is *multum in parvo*, and all the much is of every day use. The same road also publishes a Christmas Book for Children, which contains several fine illustrations, and is original matter, and a very fine piece of sheet music, arranged for piano and a quartet of voices. Either, or both of these books and the music will be sent post free, if requested, by postal or letter. The earlier your name is sent to E. St. John, General Ticket and Pasenger Agent, Chicago, the quicker you will get the books.

BORN.

In Colborne, on Thursday 7th inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Sallows, of a son.

DIED.

In the township of London, on the 8th inst., Mrs. Mary Dann, sister of Mr. Lewis Elliott, Goderich, aged 56 years.

In Goderich, on the 10th inst., Eliza Jane Elliott, aged 17 years.